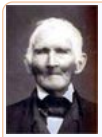

Thomas Bailey Christian, Sen. of Indian Creek

b.15 Mar 1770 Indian Creek, Botetourt, Virginia, United States

d.7 Dec 1853 Sinking Waters, Tazewell, Virginia, United States

Parents and Siblings

F. Elinipsico Cornstalk Abt 1742 - 1777

M. Standing Deer Bailey 1755 - 1775

1. Hezekiah N. "Low Hawk" Whitt 1760 - 1817
2. **Thomas Bailey Christian, Sen. of Indian Creek** 1770 - 1853
3. Outhowwa Shokka Cornstalk
4. Sarah "Mountain Raven" Mastin

Spouse and Children

H. **Thomas Bailey Christian, Sen. of Indian Creek** 1770 - 1853

W. Louisa Katherine Harman 1771 - 1828

m. 4 Jun 1793

1. Mastin Harman Skootekitehi (Fireheart) Christian, Sr 1794 - 1853
2. Moses Bailey Wiskilo'tha Christian 1795 - 1855
3. James Peshikthe Christian 1796 - 1823
4. Ruth Waakoce'thi Christian 1797 - 1854
5. David Te-beth-ki Christian 1802 - 1861
6. John Matchsquathi Tebethto Christian 1805 -
7. Daniel Kahgilaywi Christian 1808 - 1883
8. Nancy Jane Elizabeth Aquewa Apetotha Christian 1812 - 1887
9. Thomas Skaggs Shequomur Christian 1813 - 1891
10. Margaret Christian 1816 -

Spouse and Children

H. **Thomas Bailey Christian, Sen. of Indian Creek** 1770 - 1853

W. Mary Altizer Abt 1810 - 1894

m. 18 Jun 1829

1. Louisa Tecumapese Christian 1831 - 1864
2. Mathias Harman Matchsquathi Tebethto Christian 1834 - 1908
3. George Wynepuechiska Dos Christian 1836 - 1910
4. Susanna Christian 1837 -
5. Sarah Christian 1841 - 1918
6. Lettie or Selty Christian 1842 -
7. Lilly Chiungalla Christian 1844 - 1928
8. Sam Christian Abt 1853 - 1854

Events and Facts

Name[1]	Thomas Bailey Christian, Sen. of Indian Creek	
Alt Name[1]	Thos Christian, Sen (1850 census)	
Alt Name[44][43][42]	Kumskaka _____	
Gender	Male	
Other[9][10][13]	1768	Rich Mountain in what is now Tazewell, Virginia, United States “last battle between the Shawnee and Cherokee”
Birth[43]	15 Mar 1770	Indian Creek, Botetourt, Virginia, United States Botetourt (1769-1772) in what is now Tazewell County
Other[19]	1771	approximately two miles east of present-day Tazewell, Virginia, United States Capt Mathias Harman, of Ingles Ferry (father-in-law) settled at (Long Hunter) Carrs' place
Property[46]	1773	Augusta, Virginia, United States his wife's grandfather, James Skaggs I, bought property from Thomas Mastin
Adoption[2][7]	Aft 1777	date is when his father was murdered and he was "taken in" by Thomas Mastin and his Indian wife Agnes
Other[33]	1779	Tazewell, Virginia, United States "hard winter" severe winter in Southwest Virginia
Other[34]	Mar 1782	Tazewell, Virginia, United States Indian attack on the house of James Maxwell that killed two of his daughters.
Other[35]	Apr 1782	Burke's Garden, Tazewell, Virginia, United States Black Wolf attacked the family of Thomas English/ Ingles
Other[8]	19 May 1783	Indian Creek, Tazewell, Virginia, United States neighbor Joseph Wray is killed by Indians
Other[36]	7 Sep 1784	Abbs Valley, Tazewell, Virginia, United States James Moore Jr, 14, taken captive by Shawnee Black Wolf
Other[37]	14 Jul 1786	Abbs Valley, Tazewell, Virginia, United States James Moore Sr killed by Shawnee
Other[32][38]	1788	Black Wolf - Thorpe, McDowell, West Virginia, United States battle between Black Wolf and Capt. Henry "Old Skygusta" Harman, Sr brother of Capt Mathias Harman, of Ingles Ferry (father-in-law)
Other[26]	1791	Bluefield, Tazewell, Virginia, United States The Shawnee-Mingo Indians took Mrs. Andrew Davidson prisoner
Other[54]	1792	Sumner, Tennessee, United States age 22, tax list (living next to Mastin)
Marriage	4 Jun 1793	to Louisa Katherine Harman
Other[17]	1793	Sumner, Tennessee, United States Thomas Mastin pays fine for Thomas Bailey Christian
Other[52]	Sep 1794	Sumner, Tennessee, United States From depositions in a civil suit (Thomas Christian vs. Wray), it can be ascertained that Thomas Christian was still "of Sumner County, territory south of the Ohio."
Other[41]	26 Sep 1794	Indian Creek, Tazewell, Virginia, United States property he purchased from Wray on Indian Creek
Other[52]	30 Nov 1796	Wythe, Virginia, United States "inhabitant(s) of Wythe County" signed petition to form Tazewell County
Other[52]	6 Dec 1797	Virginia, United States inhabitant(s) of "the upper end of Russell County and that part of Wythe County which lies north of the Clinch Mountains." petitioned to form Tazewell County
Residence?	20 Dec 1799	Tazewell, Tazewell, Virginia, United States Tazewell County was created from portions of Wythe and Russell Counties. [1] (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tazewell_County,_Virginia)
Property[55]	23 Jul 1803	Tazewell, Tazewell, Virginia, United States Thomas Christian vs. Wray lawsuit over Indian Creek property
Other[52]	1805	Tazewell, Tazewell, Virginia, United States

		name appears on the enumeration of taxpayers
Other[52]	Jun 1807	Tazewell, Tazewell, Virginia, United States member of the jury
Other[52]	1808	Tazewell, Tazewell, Virginia, United States served on the Grand Jury
Other[43]	1828	Indian Creek, Tazewell, Virginia, United States death of first wife Louisa
Marriage	18 Jun 1829	Tazewell, Tazewell, Virginia, United States to Mary Altizer
Residence[5]	1833	Sinking Waters, Tazewell, Virginia, United States Moses Christian (son) Bridleway: Sinking Waters to Rays Fork
Census[1]	1850	Tazewell, Tazewell, Virginia, United States
Death[43]	7 Dec 1853	Sinking Waters, Tazewell, Virginia, United States
Estate Settlement[50][53]	Dec 1854	Tazewell, Tazewell, Virginia, United States when his will was lost his descendants filed a Bill of Complaint
Reference Number		FamilySearch LHW6-QF2 (https://familysearch.org/tree/person/LHW6-QF2)
Reference Number		Sinking Waters, Tazewell, Virginia, United States 98179271 (http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=98179271) (Find A Grave)

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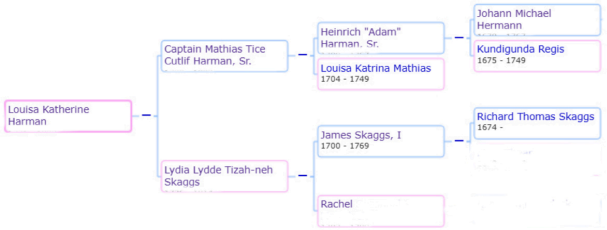
In 1768, just two years before **Thomas Bailey Christian's** birth at the Shawnee Settlement [s4s6s15] on Indian Creek, what has been described as the “last battle between the Shawnee and Cherokee” took place at nearby Rich Mountain.[s9s10s13]

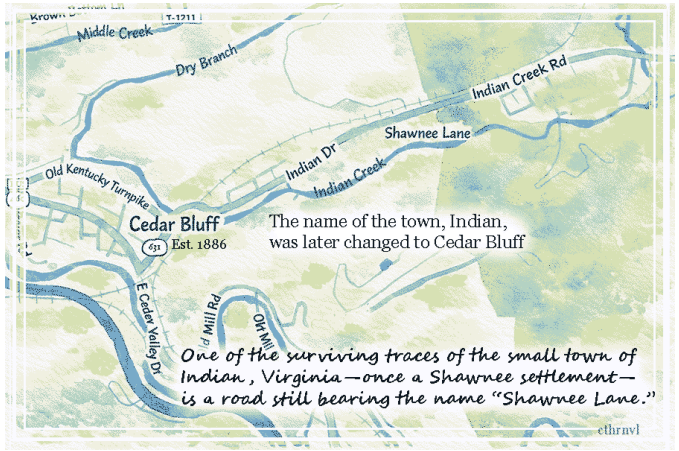
Family oral tradition maintains that **Kumskaka**,[s6s7] later known as **Thomas Bailey Christian**, was a grandson of the Shawnee leader Cornstalk.[s6] The same tradition holds that his mother died in childbirth and that his father was killed, along with Chief Cornstalk, at Fort Randolph on 10 November 1777. Documentary records, including the pension application of Hezekiah "The Patriot" Whitt (who was married to Cornstalk's daughter Rachel), establish that Thomas was orphaned in childhood and raised by Thomas Mastin and his Indian wife Agnes. [s2] [N4]

Thomas Bailey Christian’s life has been scrutinized for over 250 years. Here is a list of researchers whose work addresses the lives, families, and historical contexts of either **Thomas Bailey Christian** or his family - Elinipsico and Standing Deer Bailey; Thomas Mastin and his Indian wife Agnes; Hokolesqua (Chief Cornstalk) [24] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornstalk_(Shawnee_leader)) and Helizikinopo 1st Wife and her brothers, Shemanetoo and Peteusha [25] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Snake_(Shawnee_leader)) : Gordon Aronhime [26] (https://hswcv.org/series2_bulletins.php) ; Lula Hankins Hunter; Kennith Simpson [N18]; Juanita Sigmon Halstead; Dr. John Sugden [27] (https://www.anb.org/display/10.1093/anb/9780198606697.001.0001/anb-9780198606697-e-2001625) ; Elizabeth Shown Mills [28] (https://www.historicpathways.com/download/MillsMontgomeryFincastleVAPreliminary.pdf) [29] (https://www.historicpathways.com/download/MillsAugustaVirginiaFrontier.pdf) ; Agnes Branch Pearlman (Christian Family Chronicles) [30] (https://occgs.com/projects/rescue/compiled/Agnus%20Pearlman%20Research/_Pearlman_Agnus.html) ; Dorene Soiret [31] (https://thecaseforblueskyandparkeradkins.com/about/) ; Sheila Jean Adkins Metcalf [32] (https://adkinsmetcalffamily.wordpress.com/2010/10/11/cornstalk/) ; James Red Wolf [N4]; Cheryl Tate Duke (Appalachian Aristocracy)[33] (https://www.appalachianaristocracy.com/) ; Catherine dee Auvil [34] (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-P52dXYtpeNUm0_lOIKzkcqlA08vJlnj2m9T0sHJcGg/edit?usp=sharing) ; Jo Spencer [35] (https://www.amazon.com/stores/Jo-Spencer/author/B07BC6K5FP?ref=sr_ntt_srch_lnk_1&qid=1773692547&sr=8-1&shoppingPortalEnabled=true&ccs_id=d90d5ef8-e67b-47ed-b637-887b1e05ad6a) [36] (https://www.goodreads.com/author/list/7160369.Jo_Spencer) ; Freda Cruse Hardison; Colonel (honorary) Charles Dahnmon Whitt [37] (https://www.amazon.com/Patriot-Hezekiah-Whitt-Building-America-ebook/dp/B004HKIIN0?ref_=ast_author_mpb) ; Lorrie White; Francesca Norman Williams [38] (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/227850625/elinipsico-cornstalk) [39] (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GSZ_mufTEjPDIkJnoAy0eab7-ZP7BXzy6EPSDt1VpcU/edit?usp=sharing) ; Richard Wilson; Daryl Skaggs [40] (https://www.facebook.com/BeSafeAndKeepYourPowderDry/about) ; Don Greene [41] (https://www.google.com/books/edition/Shawnee_Heritage_I/uPsmCAAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&dq=shawnee+heritage&printsec=frontcover) ; Mary Ann Doty Rizzo; D L Thrapp [42] (https://www.goodreads.com/author/list/421415.Dan_L_Thrapp) ; Walter T Durham; Bridgie Brill Breisford; Netti Schreiner Yantis [43] (https://www.librarything.com/author/schreineryantisnetti) ; Lewis Preston Summers; John Newton Harman Sen [44] (https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/34727491.John_Newton_Harman_Sr_) ; David E Johnston; William B Pendleton; Lyman C. Draper; Laura T. Keenan [45] (https://old.lva.virginia.gov/public/dvb/bio.asp?b=Cornstalk) ; Alexander Scott Withers; George W. L. Bickley; Colin G. Calloway [46] (https://www.amazon.com/stores/author/B000AQ6ZAI?ccs_id=164a80e3-b922-4d20-9dfa-96ba41016aec) ; William Henry Foote; Nicholas Jackson Floyd; Sen Daniel Smith [47] (https://www.historicrockcastle.com/history) ; Mary Kegley [48] (https://occgs.com/projects/rescue/compiled/Agnus%20Pearlman%20Research/Genealogy%20Correspondence%20between%20Juanita%20Halstead%20&%20Agnus%20Pearlman-Christian%20&%20Reed%20Family-Feb%201979%20to%20Mar%201996.pdf) ; Sami Lakomäki [49] (https://www.amazon.com/stores/Sami-Lakom%C3%A4ki/author/B00L3ONHLQ?ref=dbs_a_mng_rwt_scns_share&shoppingPortalEnabled=true&ccs_id=dcff0986-0d44-44e9-88ab-68969cfafbaf) ; Walter M. Elswick; Larry E Smith [50] (http://www.coalexchange.com/smith/wyoming_wv.htm) ; Charles R

Stackpole; Jerry E Clark; Linda Bean LaForce; Giovanni John Pennisi [s18]; Nellie White Bundy and Caryl Lamont [51] (https://www.ancestry.com/profile/00e85df3-0001-0000-0000-000000000000) . If contradictory primary evidence exists, it has not yet been identified or produced.



DNA- 1. No DNA test, past or present, can disprove a relationship between **Thomas Bailey Christian** and Elinipsico, because Elinipsico's ethnicity and DNA are unknowable. 2. Modern DNA analysis has confirmed genetic connections among descendants of Hokolesqua using chromosome matching and triangulation via GEDmatch (https://www.gedmatch.com/) . In 2025, these findings provided independent verification of the Hokolesqua family's oral tradition. Curious descendants of Thomas Bailey Christian - get your Gedmatch kit and go to Gedmatch > Free tools > Ancestor projects. Search for projects to join using keywords Cornstalk, Shawnee, Melungeon or Powhatan. [52] (https://app.gedmatch.com/AP/ap_group_list1.php) --cthrnvl 11:32, 26 February 2026 (UTC)


Middle Creek
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Cedar Bluff
Est. 1886
The name of the town, Indian, was later changed to Cedar Bluff
E Cedar Valley Dr
One of the surviving traces of the small town of Indian, Virginia—once a Shawnee settlement—is a road still bearing the name "Shawnee Lane."
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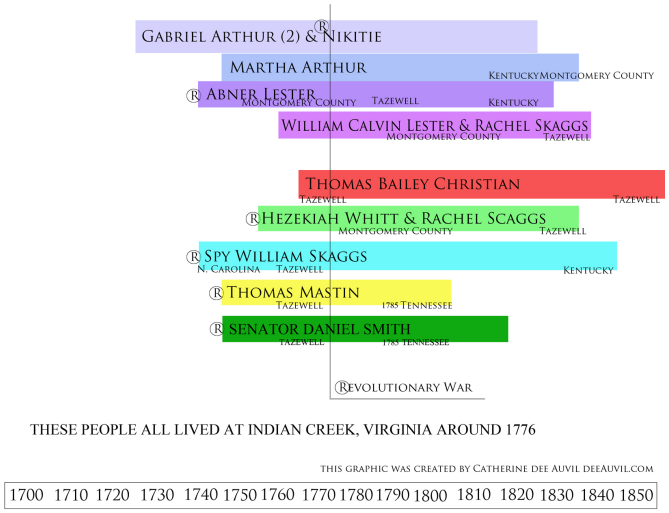
Current researchers have labeled the four orphans in Hokolesqua descendant's oral tradition (**Thomas Bailey Christian**, Sarah married to Bear Adkins, Hezekiah N. Whitt, Yellowhawk) "the Cornstalk Orphans." The term 'the Cornstalk orphans' is a later interpretive label and is not found in contemporary documents from the period. In addition, Shawnee historian Don Greene [53] (https://www.werelate.org/wiki/Source:Greene%2C_Don._Shawnee_Heritage_Series) has never written about **Thomas Bailey Christian**, Standing Deer Bailey, or the individuals sometimes referred to as the "Cornstalk Orphans." The allegation that he "invented" these figures stems from polemical online commentary and reflects an agenda-driven effort to discredit his work, rather than an evidence-based historical conclusion. documentation (https://share.evernote.com/note/9789fc53-4326-601e-8375-7c6d0a4802d8) [N19]

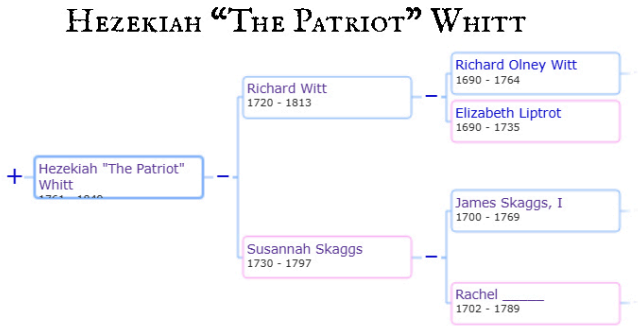
Land and neighborhood patterns in Tazewell, old Montgomery and old Fincastle counties help clarify how the Skaggs, Mastin, Whitt, and Harman families intersect with the early life of Thomas. Louisa Harman, first wife of Thomas, was a granddaughter, on her mother's side, of James Skaggs I (1700–1769) a figure treated in published frontier histories as an early progenitor of the Skaggs line of Long Hunters. On her father's side, she descended from Captain Mathias Harman, of Ingles Ferry, a notable figure in local frontier records, and from Heinrich "Adam" Harman, an early frontiersman of the New River–Kanawha region, from whom this branch of the Long Hunter Harman family descended. In 1754, James Skaggs I patented 78 acres "on both sides of Meadow Creek, a branch of New River." [n6]



In 1773, Thomas Mastin purchased this same Meadow Creek tract from James Skaggs. It is well documented that Mastin raised Thomas after he was left an orphan: Thomas himself stated under oath, in testimony given for Hezekiah's Revolutionary War pension, that he had been "raised from childhood … by Captain Thomas Mastin." This sworn statement places Thomas directly in Mastin's household during his formative years.

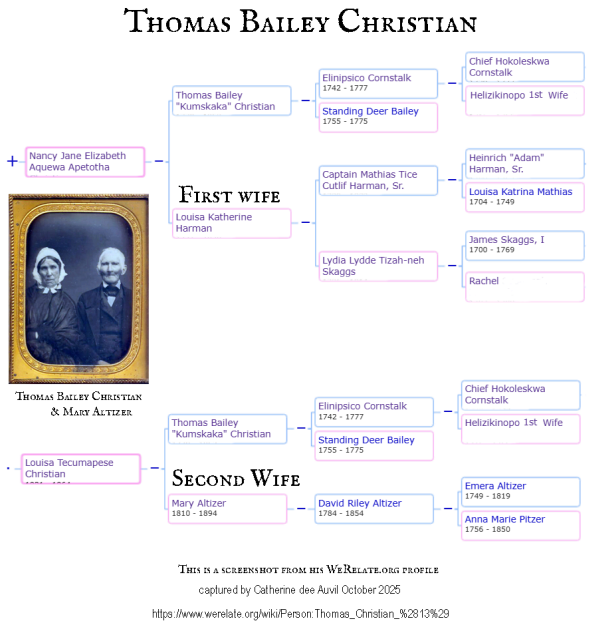
In 1779, Richard Whitt, father of Hezekiah, acquired an additional 68 acres from James Skaggs I on Meadow Creek.

Hezekiah served under Mastin in the Nautical Campaign against the Cherokees of Chickamauga. On 4 December 1792, Hezekiah was granted an 85-acre tract of land by the Commonwealth of Virginia next to Mastin. Hezekiah was the grandson of James Skaggs I.



In the 1819 Sumner County tax list, Agnes Mastin appears in immediate sequence with Casper Mansker and other residents identified along Mansker's Creek, Drakes Creek, and Madison's Creek, situates her household within the core Long-Hunter settlement area associated with Casper Mansker .

Taken together, these land transactions and documented relationships place Skaggs, Mastin, Whitt, Harman, Mansker, Butler and Carr, and Thomas within the same Meadow Creek–New River frontier community, an area closely associated with Long Hunter families, interrelated households, and cross-cultural ties, and show that the Mastin household in which Thomas Christian was raised stood directly on former Skaggs Long Hunter land.



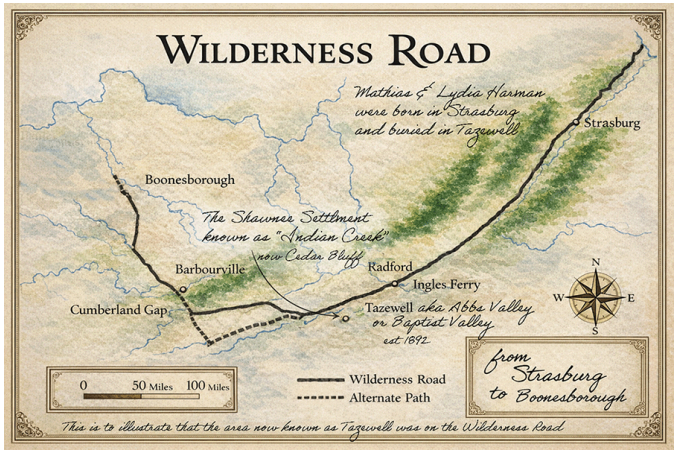
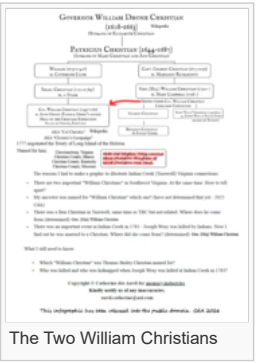


Image Gallery

All lived at Indian Creek

Whitt application



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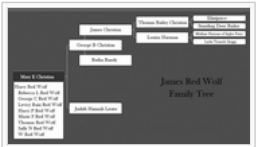

Cornstalk family tree of James Red Wolf

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   Thomas Christian Sr., b. 1770 Virginia, living with Mary (40y), Mathew (16y), George (14y), Susana (13), Sally (10y), Letty (8y) Familysearch.org (https://familysearch.org/s/image/show#uri=http%3A%2F%2Fpilot.familysearch.org%2Frecords%2Ftrk%3A%2Ffsrs%2Fidgs%3A004206469.004206469_00180&hash=HIoWXpZgU9zB10k5M56iYku8TUc%253D)

2. ↑ Whitt, Hezekiah. *Revolutionary War Pension Application*. (Tazewell County, Virginia: National Archives, 27 March 1844).

   Excerpt: In addition to the certificate given by this affiant, he would state that this affiant was raised from childhood (being Left an orphan) by Captain Thomas Ma(s)rtin, whom he has often heard say, that Hezekiah Whit, the applicant for a pension in the foregoing declaration, was a soldier under him in the Cherokee Expedition into Tennessee. This affiant knew the said Whit at that time and has known him ever since. This affiant knows nothing of any other service stated by the said Whit, but he believes them to have been performed as stated. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written in open court. (signed) **Thomas Christian**

3. Aronhime, Gordon. *Thomas Mastin: important unknown of the early Clinch River Settlement*.

   This essay includes descriptions of the interaction between friends Daniel Smith and Thomas Mastin including their move to Sumner County, Tennessee and how Thomas left his 268 acre farm to "My friend Daniel Smith and his heirs and assigns forever, in fee simple, after the decease of my wife, Agnes Mastin."

   “Although Thomas Mastin is documented elsewhere as having taken in **Thomas Bailey Christian** as an orphan, this relationship is not mentioned in Gordon Aronhime’s pamphlet Thomas Mastin: Important Unknown of the Early Clinch River Settlement.” — cthrnvl

4. Cedar Bluff, in Jeffersonville, Tazewell, Virginia, United States. *Clinch Valley News*. (Jeffersonville (later Tazewell), Virginia) p. 5A, Wednesday, February 27, 1991.

   Cedar Bluff The small town on old Route 460 near Richlands is named after the steep, cedar covered bluffs above the town. In the early 1800's, the town was known as Mouth of the Indian because of a Shawnee settlement on what is now called Indian Creek.

5. ↑ Bundy, Nellie White. *Sketches of Tazewell County, Virginia's early history*. (Va.?: Historic Crab Orchard Museum, c1976) page 38, July 1976.

   1833. On motion of Moses Christian and others, it is ordered that a Bridleway from Sinking Waters to Rays Fork of Sandy be established. (Moses Christian is the son of **Thomas Bailey Christian**. -cthrnvl)

6. A History of Cedar Bluff Submitted by the Tazewell County Bicentennial Committee, in various. *Visit Tazewell County*. (Virginia, United States: self) Webpage (https://visittazewellcounty.org/cedasrbluff.html) Archived (https://web.archive.org/web/20061205051956/http://cedarbluffva.org/) , 2006.

   Two post offices one-half mile apart in a town three miles long and one and on-half miles wide made this community unique. The early history of Cedar Bluff reveals that influential businessmen demanded a post office be named for the splendid resort, Blue Sulphur Inn, when the Clinch Valley Division of Norfolk and Western Railroad arrived through the southern section of the town. Although residents wanted the name changed to Cedar Bluff, policies prevented this desire according to a newspaper article of August 2, 1907. In due time, however, Blue Sulphur post office became Cedar Bluff and residents of the other section preferred to retain the Indian post office named for the Shawnee Indian village that once existed there.

7. ↑ Halstead, Mrs. E. (Juanita Sigmon) Housten. Comment., in *Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly* 18, no. 3 (1980): 105., 1980.

Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly 18, no. 3 (1980): 105. "**Thomas Christian** born ca 1770 was early orphaned and raised by Captain Thomas Mastin who was in Washington Co. Virginia as late as 1777 where he served various official posts. Later went to Sumner Co. Tennessee..."

8. ↑ Halstead, Juanita Sigmon. “Corrections from Our Readers.”, in Holston Territory Genealogical Society (Bristol, Virginia-Tennessee), and Shelby Ireson Edwards. *Holston pastfinder*. (Bristol, Virginia: Holston Territory Genealogical Society, 1982-)
10, no. 37 (1991): 37–1., 1991.

"I read of the massacre in which Joseph WRAY was Killed by the Indians, it is stated that he was a neighbor to Thomas MASTIN. Thomas MASTIN took our **Thomas CHRISTIAN, Sr.** under his wing when our Thomas was orphaned and our Thomas was with him after he (Thomas MASTIN) and Daniel SMITH left Washington County and went to the Territory South of the Ohio River - TN really."
same page
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9. ↑ Pendleton, William Cecil. *History of Tazewell County and southwest Virginia, 1748-1920*. (Richmond: W.C. Hill Print. Co., 1920).

Thomas Witten, who was, beyond dispute, the first white man to bring his family to Tazewell County and make permanent settlement here, had been living on Walker's Creek, in the present Giles County, Virginia, for a year or more prior to his settlement at the Crab Orchard on the Clinch. He had boldly disregarded the claims of the Indians to the territory west of New River, and had defiantly ignored the royal proclamation of 1763, which forbade British subjects settling in the disputed region. If his intended destination was the Clinch Valley, why should he linger on Walker's Creek until 1771? From well authenticated tradition, which I will in a future chapter set forth, he must have settled in the Clinch Valley as early as 1767, as he was living at the Crab Orchard when the battle between the Shawnees and Cherokees was fought on the top of Rich Mountain, just west of Plum Creek Gap, in 1768.

10. ↑ Dr. Thomas Opens Sesqui, in Jeffersonville, Tazewell, Virginia, United States. *Clinch Valley News*. (Jeffersonville (later Tazewell), Virginia)
June 30, 1950.

Indian War Pictures
The Cherokee versus Shawnee
Indian tribal war over Elk Lick in 1768 is shown. This conflict is commonly known as the battle of 'Battle Knob.'

11. AKA Coal Exchange, in Smith, Larry E. *McDowell and Wyoming Co, WV Families*
[2] (http://www.coalexchange.com/smith/mcdowella/pafg143.htm#15924) , 2022.

Thomas Bailey Christian [Parents] was born in 1770 in Tazewell Co, VA. He died in Dec 1854 in Tazewell Co,VA. He married Louisa Katherine Harman on 4 Jun 1793 in Wythe Co, VA.
(m.) Louisa Katherine Harman [Parents] was born about 1770 in Tazewell Co, VA. She died before 1829 in Tazewell Co, VA. She married **Thomas Bailey Christian** on 4 Jun 1793 in Wythe Co, VA. Other marriages: Altizer, Mary C.
Notes: 1. "Alleghaney Co (VA) Heritage", Hildreth Smith article, page 192.
Louisa Harman married **Thomas B. Christian**
2. 1850 Census, Tazewell Co, VA, page 301, Family 1170.
Listed as **Thomas Christian, Sr**, age 80, born in VA, head of household.
3. "Annals of Tazewell Co, VA", Harman, Vol I, page 85.
Thomas Christian married on 18 Jun 1829 Mary Altizer in Tazewell Co, VA.
4. Ancestry.com Web Site, Mathias Christian Search, 7 May 2002, submitted by
John Donnelly, [private]@jdproud.com.
Mary C. Altizer; born in 1810 in Mongomery Co, VA; died on 17 Jun 1894 in
Tazewell Co, VA; daughter of David Riley and Mary Miller Altizer; married
Thomas B. Christian, Sr on 21 Jun 1829 in Tazewell Co, VA.
Thomas B. Christian; born in 1770 in Tazewell Co, VA; died in Dec 1854 in
Tazewell Co, VA.

12. Whitt, Colonel Charles Dahnmon. *The Patriot, Hezekiah Whitt*. (United States: Dahnmon Whitt Family).

This is a novel, based on the life of Hezekiah "The Patriot" Whitt, written by a direct descendant. Includes his relationship with **Thomas Bailey Christian**. Family calls him "The Patriot" to distinguish him from other Hezekiah Whitts. - cthrnvl "Also in the back is listed the descendents of Hezekiah Whitt. (Genealogy Section) Areas of South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois are all mentioned in this collection." - Amazon

13. ↑ historical plaque inscription [3] (https://www.flickr.com/photos/american-photos/28876141317/) , in *“Battle Knob” – Historic Crab Orchard Museum*.

“Legend has it that in the summer of 1768, when Thomas Witten, the first permanent settler of the area was taming this land, there was a final battle between the Cherokee and Shawnee Native American tribes. As it was told, the Cherokee came to this area to hunt the elk that frequently occupied Thomas Witten’s own salt lick. The Shawnee arrived in the same area and disturbed the Cherokee. They were vicious rivals over who occupied the land for hunting, and a battle broke out. The two hundred Cherokee warriors rushed to the top of Rich Mountain and fortified themselves. The battle raged for two days. On the second night of the battle, the Cherokee needed replenishment of ammunition so one of two things are claimed to have happened. First, the Cherokee were said to have received the aid of two longhunters Butler and Carr who were in the area, or second, they received the aid of Thomas Witten. By the end of the battle, there were so many casualties on both sides that a large pit was dug and it became a common grave of both tribes. Afterwards the tribes went their own ways. But still today, if you look out into the distance you can see the mountain where this fateful battle took place. The fortified embankment, and the common grave are still visible.”

14. comment by Michael GRAHAM-Moser, in *James Knox Was There Before Daniel Boone*
[4] (https://www.8thvirginia.com/p/james-knox-was-there-before-daniel-boone) , August 19, 2017.

    3) There were three routes to Kentucky: a) floating down the Ohio River (northern route); b) through the Cumberland Gap (southern route); and c) from Tazewell County, Virginia by the Ohio River Indian trails. (See the 1756 Sandy Creek/River Expedition.)

15. Thomas Scott gave Cedar Bluff name by Louise L. Serreno, in Jeffersonville, Tazewell, Virginia, United States. *Clinch Valley News*. (Jeffersonville (later Tazewell), Virginia)
page 50, Jul 02, 1975.

    For many years the [Cedar Bluff] postoffice was located at Indian. Years ago, a branch tribe of the Shawnees had a village at the mouth of a fine stream flowing into the Clinch River, which was named Indian Creek by the early settlers.

16. Floyd, N. J. *Biographical genealogies of the Virginia-Kentucky Floyd families*: *with notes of some collateral branches*. (Williams & Wilkins Co.: Baltimore , 1912)
page 12-13, 1912.

    It may be well to state, out of its proper chronological order, that many years after the period of the marriages of the young people noted above, the truth of the tradition concerning the ancestry of Princess Nicketti was denied in Kentucky. The cause of this denial originated at the battle of Point Pleasant in 1774, when the allied tribes, the Shawnees, the Guyandottes and Delawares, under the great war-chief Cornstalk, were defeated by the Virginians and the Kentucky pioneers under General Andrew Lewis. Cornstalk was regarded as a ferocious and vindictive tool of the Lieutenant-Governor of Canada and no Indian could have been more thoroughly detested. Prisoners taken in that epoch-making battle stated that he was a descendant of Powhatan, through his youngest daughter.* The Virginians and Kentuckians who It is quite probable that Cornstalk's tradition was a fact. Although he was the great war-chief of the Shawnees he was not a member of that tribe, but was by birth a chief of a small tribe which, giving way before the admired the character of the gentle Pocahontas as cordially as they despised Cornstalk, indignantly denied the tradition, and asserted that Pocahontas, if not the only daughter of Powhatan, was certainly the youngest, and the child of his old age. When the Floyds removed to Kentucky and heard the denial, being no longer in touch with those who knew the facts in Virginia, and therefore not prepared to discuss the point, they simply ignored the matter and "let it go at that." Hence it came about that later generations of nearly all the descendants of Nicketti ultimately came to doubt the perfect accuracy of the old tradition, as no historical or other writing known to them credited Powhatan with a younger daughter than Pocahontas; nor had any name been heard as that of such daughter. The descendants of Charles Floyd, however, at whose home in Kentucky his mother, Abadiah Davis Floyd, died, never for a moment doubted the entire accuracy of the tradition.

17. ↑ unnamed source in letter written to Juanita (Sigmon) Halstead, in Juanita Halstead, Agnus Pearlman-Christian. *Genealogy Correspondence between Juanita Halstead & Agnus Pearlman-Christian & Reed Family-Feb 1979 to Mar 1996*
[5] (https://occgs.com/projects/rescue/compiled/Agnus%20Pearlman%20Research/Genealogy%20Correspondence%20between%20Juanita%20Halstead%20&%20Agnus%20Pearlman-Christian%20&%20Reed%20Family-Feb%201979%20to%20Mar%201996.pdf) , 1979.

    This contact "stumbled" onto Thomas Christian's "roll in the hay" and I will have to give her what details that I have on it. She says that in 1793, **Thomas Christian** was fined $50.00 for [redacted]. Actually, the data which was sent to me (from the original record) was that Thomas Masten covered this fine and it was for 50 pounds.

18. Giovanni John Pennisi. *Message from Giovanni John Pennisi*
May 2026.

    Giovanni John Pennisi
    On my mom's side I am a descendent of the Bailey's from Eastern Kentucky My Grandmother was Ida Pearl Bailey born 1916 Wolfe County Kentucky before Kentucky the family was in Virginia I had a reacher help me with family history and found Jane Bailey is my 7th cousin one time removed she was also known as Standing Deer Bailey and a wife of Shawnee Chief Cornstock I did the DNA test with DNA Consultants they found Shawnee is one of my Native American DNA connection's

19. ↑ Chapter XVII Mathias Harman Sr (Thomas' father-in-law), in Harman, John Newton. *Harman genealogy (southern branch) with biographical sketches, 1700-1924*. (Richmond [Virginia]: W.C. Hill Printing Co., c1925)
page 242.

    In 1760, in company with his older brother Daniel, he explored the country along the head waters of Sandy and Clinch Rivers. At this time they visited Abbs Valley and also the Crabapple Orchard, at the present Pisgah Station, on the Norfolk & Western Railroad, about three miles west of Tazewell Courthouse.
    In 1774, Mathias Harman was commissioned to go to Tennessee and recruit Cherokee Indians to aid in a campaign against the northern tribes of Indians, which campaign culminated in the famous battle of Point Pleasant. He succeeded in enlisting one hundred Cherokees for this campaign. At this time, 1774, he was called "Captain Mathias Harman of Ingles Ferry."
    In 1771, Mathias Harman and his brothers, Henry and Jacob, settled at Carrs' place on one of the head branches of Clinch River, some two miles east of the present town of Tazewell.

20. Deming, Tammie Wood. *Shawnee Heritage*: *A note from a descendant with information that might be helpful to others*. (Southern Style: A Downhome Perspective, 1996)
1996.

    Cornstalk and Tecumseh were famous for trying to send the Whites back to where they came from, and that's why no one on the Dawes Roll would admit to being Shawnee, much less related to Cornstalk.

21. Home > Forum > Surnames > Cornstalk, in various. *Genealogy.com*
Cornstalk family thru Martha Shone Christian By Roland Wamsley , June 15, 2010 at 09:27:37.

    Hi My wifes family come through Martha Shone Christian, who married James Paris Gross. For along time my wife knew that she was native american but didn t know from where. She was born and raised in Ritter, Avondale, Mcdowell County W Virginia. Today we found out that her family goes back to Shawnee and the Cornstalk family. Could someone email us and help us with her family tree.

22. Brief Life History, in various. *FamilySearch.org*
by Debbie Kay Orton Christian, 05/03/2024.

    Note: My husband, Howard Alexander Christian is the great grandson of John Chatman “Chat” Christian. My husband remembers his great great grandfather from where he knew him in Stringtown, WV next to Bradshaw, WV where he grew up. Chat (John Chatman Christian) is the son of George Dos Christian, son of Thomas Bailey Christian adopted by Reverend Captain Thomas Mastin and Agnes after Thomas Bailey Christian’s father, Elenipsico, was murdered with his father, the chief. The book written by Hezekiah Whitt mentions Thomas Bailey Christian as Hezekiah’s brother in law and speaks of the adoption as well. Hezekiah’s Will is attached showing record of Thomas Bailey Christian. The middle name “Bailey” stems from his real mother, Standing Deer Bailey who was married to the Shawnee Chief Cornstalk’s son, Elenipsico, Thomas Bailey Christian, father. The irrefutable connection for my husband’s family, that I have confirmed by various Census records and birth records, plus family witnesses, proves that George Dos Christian is the father of my husband’s great grandfather, Chat. Thank you.

23. **Thomas Bailey Christian**, in various. *Ancestry.com*
by Caryl Lamont [6] (https://www.ancestry.com/profile/00e85df3-0001-0000-0000-000000000000) , Joined 05 May 2005.

    Mose Christian claimed his grandfather Mastin was half Shawnee. Louisa (Louise) Grubb Christian, Mose's brother Harrison's daughter-in-law also wrote that Mose and Harrison both told her they were Shawnee. Georgene Leishman Christian, another daughter-in-law of Harrison told me in an interview that Mose and Harrison both told her that they were Indian, but did not specify to her which tribe they were related to.

24. **Thomas Bailey Christian**, in various. *Ancestry.com*
Myers-Christian: Arthur-Friend: Stalnaker-Schmidlen et al Family Trees by James Myers and Joanne Katz Public Member Tree [7] (https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/10491281/person/-611417541/facts) , Joined 29 Mar 2009.

    [This public member tree includes the lineage of James Red Wolf - cthrnvl]

25. Bailey Middle Name, in Catherine dee Auvil. *Bailey Middle Name*
[8] (https://docs.google.com/document/d/19G9oTPqudC1aFx7DWVaDdktHrVKpJVxPXluHWMa99co/edit?usp=sharing) , 2026.

    I am collecting people with the name “Bailey” who are descendants of TBC. To prove a point. If you have one for me that is not on this list please send it to me by email.

26. ↑ Oceana [town] and the Cook Family, in various. *Writers' Program of the Work Projects Administration in West Virginia*. (United States: Work Projects Administration)
(No. 6, Folk Studies), August 1940.

    Thomas Morgan, who had been an Indian Ranger under Major Robert Crockett on the Tazewell frontier, settled on Indian Creek [Wyoming County, West Virginia?] in 1804, becoming the fifth settler of the county. His home was built just above the ruins of the old Shawnee-Mingo Indian Village that gave Indian Creek its name. A tradition in the Morgan family says that when Mrs. Andrew Davidson and her children were captured near the present site of Bluefield, West Virginia, they were held prisoners by the Indians of this village, and that the lady herself was tied with rawhide thongs to a beech tree that stood near George T. Lester's spring.

    Note: This "Indian Creek" is the one in Wyoming County, confirmed by "Baileys Among First Of County's Early Settlers" (Beckley Post Herald Saturday, August 26, 1950 Written by Rev. Green Pendleton Goode "G. P. Goode", Wyoming [county] historian) -cthrnvl

27. Thomas Bailey CHRISTIAN , in Duke, Cheryl Tate. *Appalachian Aristocracy*. (United States: self)
[9] (https://www.appalachianaristocracy.com/getperson.php?personID=I4414&tree=01) .

    Born 15 Mar 1770 Botetourt Co. VA
    Land is now part of Tazewell Co. VA
    Gender Male Occupation millwright
    Died Dec 1854 Tazewell Co VA
    Another source for DOD
    Name: Thomas Christian
    Death Date: Dec 1852
    City: Tazewell
    State: VA

28. Thomas Bailey Christian in Cornstalk Family, in James Red Wolf. *Genealogy.com Forum - Cornstalk*
by J Red Wolf archived (https://share.evernote.com/note/77dd734d-f409-497d-ac6c-1012a1f4c077) , November 25, 2008 at 11:46:21.

    If you look for descendants of Cornstalk, you will find some of them who regarded **Thomas B. Christian** as uncle and some as cousin. Find papers on daughters of Cornstalk to find those who called Thomas cousin. Find papers on children of Elinipsicio [sic Elinipsico], children who in papers called Elinipsicio [sic Elinipsico] father. Those children called Thomas uncle in documents, legal papers held in archives in Virginia. You have to dig deep to find them. Not all was catalogued yet in the archives. Go there in person to search for these papers. Keep in mind Wythe, Wyoming, Logan, Pike counties in Virginia and Kentucky. These are important keys to the secrets hidden in the archives. Hidden only in a sence because they are not catalogued yet. Do not forget Thomas Mastin. He holds the biggest key of all. Raising a child as his own, not adopted in the legal manner by which we would do these days, but recorded in the courts as the orphaned son of a Cornstalk residing in the home of Mastin.

    :) Red Wolf

29. Re: Thomas Bailey Christian and Chief Cornstalk, in James Red Wolf. *Genealogy.com - Cornstalk*
by J Red Wolf archived (https://share.evernote.com/note/fdb734bb-60d8-784b-d92f-6dc8120985a8) , October 13, 2008 at 10:39:29.

I am glad to help.
The first and most important place to check is the state archives. There you will find statements by Hezekiah Whitt pertaining to Thomas and his connection to the Cornstalks. You will also find statements made by Thomas Mastin/Mustain pertaining to the orphans he took in, left by the Cornstalks who were killed at the fort in 1777. He names three of the orphans by the English names he gave them and notes their relation to the chief and his son. Family history passed down name the mother as a Bailey. There is no official record to prove her name as far as I am aware, only words from the mouths of our ancestors as they were told to each generation. Mastin raised Thomas as his own, naming him Christian. This we know from records. He was an orphan according to Hezekiah Whitt as stated in the courts, reared by Mastin. **Thomas Christian** married a Harman, but no marriage record has yet been found. This is another piece of history only found by word of mouth as it was passed down to us. Were they married in the eyes of the law or by the laws of the Shawnee people? This we may never know. I hold it as true that they were married in Shawano fashion as told by my family. Some say they married by white man's laws. Hold true what you will but don't let go of your blood. Any who descends from Thomas Christian is a Shawnee. Keep that in your hearts.

:) Walk in harmony
Red Wolf

30. Re: Thomas Bailey Christian and Chief Cornstalk, in James Red Wolf. *Genealogy.com - Cornstalk forum*
by Red Wolf archived (https://share.evernote.com/note/73fe4d88-8555-42cf-b1b1-441c2b36381a) , October 13, 2008 at 07:03:03.

    I come from their son James Peshikthe Christian. James married Rutha Bandy and they had a son Wiskilo'tha, you would know him as George Bandy Christian, but Wiskilo'tha was his Indian name. George married Judith Lester who was also of Indian blood through her father. Down through Mary Christian and Harry Red Wolf. That is my connection to Kumskaka, or as you know him, **Thomas B. Christian**. We are of the Shawano clan and Tsalagi clan. Shawano through Thomas's father and Tsalagi through his mother. Nipseko followed Shawano clan by the side of his father.

    Does this help?

    :)
    Red Wolf

31. A Historical-Geographic Correlation of the Thomas Bailey Christian Shawnee Oral Tradition , in Catherine dee Auvil. *Google docs*
[10] (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sVs7wGj96-j2-z3XykO2AOTnm70QiB0YQz6iKbqgAcY/edit?usp=sharing) , July 7th 2026.

    Question from Catherine dee Auvil
    Back to **Thomas Bailey Christian**. I am doing something that is kind of new in genealogy. I will try to explain it. I have oral tradition he was Shawnee. I have DNA evidence from GEDmatch ancestor projects. I have oral tradition and DNA. The next step is to ask could this person have been in the correct geographical place for this to be true? And yes, I have proved that! I have three references that say where he was born was known to be a Shawnee settlement at the time of his birth (and I am looking for more references). and I have found references that where he lived was the location of "the last battle of the Shawnee and Cherokee in 1768" proving Shawnee were there in 1768. In addition I have detailed how Shawnee and Blackwolf in particular were active near TBC in what is now Tazewell County (see attached). I have created maps that illustrate TBC's geography. My question for you - is there an official name for this kind of genealogy research? Geographical Research? and can you give me an example of any other researcher that is looking into whether geography can back up oral tradition on their subject?

32. ↑ #29191413 Capt. Henry "Old Skygusta" Harman, Sr (http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=29191413) , in *Find A Grave*.
    - Photographs of monuments depicting 1788 battle between Black Wolf and Capt. Henry "Old Skygusta" Harman, Sr.

33. ↑ *Laughlin, 1845*.

34. ↑ Harman, John Newton, and George W. L. Bickley. *Annals of Tazewell County, Virginia, from 1800 to 1922*: *in two volumes*. (Richmond, Virginia: WC Printing Company, 1922).

35. ↑ Attack on the Thomas Ingles Family , in Addington, Luther F., and Emory L. Hamilton. *Historical Sketches of Southwest Virginia*. (Virginia, USA: Historical Society of Southwest Virginia).

36. ↑ Pendleton, William Cecil. *History of Tazewell County and southwest Virginia, 1748-1920*. (Richmond: W.C. Hill Print. Co., 1920)
page 447.

    In September, 1784, James (1), the 18 year old son of Captain James Moore, was captured by Black Wolf, his son, and another Indian. He was captured when he went to a distant pasture to get a horse to go to mill. He was carried to Ohio and escaped after 5 years and three years after the massacre of his family

37. ↑ Massacre of Captain James Moore and His Family in Abbs Valley, in Hamilton, Emory L. *Indian Atrocities Along the Clinch, Powell and Holston Rivers of Southwest Virginia, 1773-1794*. (Unpublished)
pages 149-152.

    [11] (https://usgenwebsites.org/vagenweb/russell/indian/69.html)

38. ↑ Henry Harman, Sr.: Old Skygusty, in ztnoble. *Rattling Old Bones: Writing a Family History*
Photographed June 2008 by Z. T. Noble; photograph and location description published in Z. T. Noble, "Henry Harman, Sr.: Old Skygusty,"[12] (https://rattlingoldbones.blogspot.com/2014/04/henry-harman-sr-old-skygusty.html) , 16 April 2014, accessed 15 July 2026.

    "Henry Harman Battle Marker," stone monument, 1927, Gary Lions Park, West Virginia Route 103, McDowell County, West Virginia.
    Inscription: Near this spot is the site where Henry Harman and his sons George and Matthias fought and won the battle with seven Black Wolf Indians of the Shawnee tribe November 12, 1788 Erected by Col. Andrew Donnally Chapter, D.A.R., of Mercer County, West Virginia, and descendants of Henry Harman

39. Mrs. Juanita Sigmon Halstead 6 Saunders Addition, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560, in Pearlman, Agnes Branch. *Christian family chronicles*: *a biannual [sic] publication devoted to the history and genealogy of families with the surname of Christian*. (Santa Clara, California: Eco-View, c1979-)

83-37, July 1983.

My efforts to identify the parents of the **Thomas Christian** born about 1770, who lived for awhile in Sumner County, Tennessee, and settled about 1796 in Tazewell County, Virginia, have led me to his possible Mastin and Bandy ties. When orphaned as a boy, Thomas Christian was raised by Thomas and Agnes Mastin. Was he related to this couple and, if so, how? Of probable significance is the fact that Thomas Mastin signed as surety for the marriage bond of Agnes Christian to Thomas Cartwright in 1791 in Sumner County. In Agnes Mastin's 1820 will (proved in 1823 court of Sumner County), she named no children but left her crops to her "nephew Jameson Bandy." This Jameson was the son of Richard C. Bandy—name of wife presently unknown. Richard's younger half-brother John Bandy married Lucy Christian. An older brother, Thomas Bandy, born 22 June 1744 in Cumberland County, Virginia, married 22 November 1768 Mary "Polly," believed to have been the widow of a Mr. Christian since she had a daughter Phoebe Christian born October 1765. Phoebe may have married a Christian, based on one listing among Thomas Bandy's pension papers which show her as Phoebe Christian Christian; however, such entry may have been simply an inadvertent duplication of the surname. The two older Bandy brothers were sons of Richard Bandy and first wife Jane Cummings; the younger brother was the son of Richard Bandy and second wife Elizabeth Moss. What relationship was Agnes Mastin's first? Was Lucy Christian or his aunt? Was Mary's deceased first husband his uncle? Who were Lucy's parents? Was Agnes Mastin a sister of the elder Bandy, or was she a sister of his unidentified wife? Can anyone shed further light on these Christian, and Mastin relationships? Pertinent locales include also Bedford, Franklin, and Botetourt Counties in Virginia.

40. user blevasseur13 [13] (https://www.ancestry.com/profile/01b29cee-0001-0000-0000-000000000000) , in various. *Ancestry.com*
Joined 21 Jun 2010.

blevasseur2016 I have to update my now deceased Uncles (Kennith Simpson) conclusion as mostly false- through speaking with Many DNA researchers and testing facilities- tests for NA are almost irrelevant as they do not give conclusive results, I was informed Point blank when it comes to NA and mulatto give far more relevance to oral and written history than DNA.

41. ↑ I believe these land grants were for this "**Thomas Christian**" because he is the only Thomas Christian in Tazewell at this time as far as I know. User:cthrnvl

Thomas Christian - 21 Feb 1785
Montgomery County
255 a. On Brush Creek, a branch of Bluestone the waters of New River
Grants No. N, p. 696 [This could be Thomas (13) or Thomas (18) depending on where the Montgomery County border fell. More research needed.]

Here is the land disputed in the Christian v Wray lawsuit. It appears to be too early for "land grants" lists? It may be in what is considered pre-survey occupation, not fixed deeded property.
Deed 26th September, 1794 by John Wray to Thomas Christian of Sumner County, territory south of the Ohio

Thomas Christian - 17 Jun 1824
Tazewell County
40 a. On Indian Creek
Grants No. 73, p. 180

Thomas Christian - 17 Jun 1824
Tazewell County
120 a. On Indian Creek
Grants No. 73, p. 192

Thomas Christian - 6 Sept 1826
Tazewell County
15 a. On Tug River and lower end of his land
Grants No. 75, p. 274

Thomas Christian - 10 Jul 1826
Tazewell County
58 a. On the Tug fork of Sandy River
Grants No. 78, p. 228

Thomas Christian - 21 Mar 1836
Tazewell County
77 a. At the mouth of Crain (sic) Creek
Grants No. 85, p. 403

Thomas Christian - 1 May 1855
(of David)
Tazewell County
392 a. On Left hand fork of Indian Creek of Clinch
Grants No. 111, p. 180

Thomas B. Christian - 1 Jun 1856
Tazewell County
140 a. On a ridge dividing waters of Indian Creek from Middle Creek
Grants No. 112, p. 547

Transcribed at this website. [14] (https://web.archive.org/web/20060819063058/https://www.newrivernotes.com/va/tzlgalph.htm#c)
* The last two are probably not this TBC because he died in 1853. Thomas Christian 1855 is probably a grandson and Thomas B. Christian may be Thomas Beavers Christian. User:cthrnvl

42. ↑ Website: Dahnmon Whitt Family File for Web (https://web.archive.org/web/20100916020521/http://dahnmonwhittfamily.com/genealogy/aqwg464.htm)
43. ↑ 43.0 43.1 43.2 43.3 Descendancy File by Caryl Lamont (https://www.genealogy.com/forum/surnames/topics/christian/2973/) First Generation
1. **Thomas Bailey "Kumskaka" Christian "Cornstalk"** was born 15 Mar 1770 in Washington (later Tazewell) County, Virginia. He died 7 Dec 1853 in Sinking Waters, Tazewell Co., Virginia.
Thomas married (1) Louisa Katherine Harman, daughter of Captain Mathias Cutlif "Tice" "Tias" Harman of Ingles Ferry and Lydia (Lydde) Tizah-neh Skaggs, on 4 Jun 1793 in Wythe Co., Virginia. Louisa was born 1772 in Starsburg, Virginia. She died 1828 in Tazewell Co. VA.
44. ↑ J. Red Wolf, "**Thomas Bailey Christian**/Cornstalk Blood/Not From Nathaniel," Genealogy.com Forums: Christian, May 13, 2009, archived at the Wayback Machine
-----Original Message-----
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 1:51:19 pm
To: [private]@aol.com
From: J RedWolf
Subject: Re: Thomas Christian and his family
Correction. Ounaconoa Moytoy was Thomas's grandmother. Thomas was a son of Elinipsico, Elinipsico was a son of Cornstalk. Thomas was the orphan son of Elinipsico, he had a native name, but then was taken in by Thomas Mastin who named him Thomas Christian.
Elinipsico had a wife called Standing Deer Bailey. They had 4 young children, all of whom were taken by Thomas Mastin, and raised to adulthood, each given a White name.
Elinipsico was very young man when he had his first child. His woman, Standing Deer died during the birth of their last child, leaving him to raise them alone, so he would have later taken another wife, but he died before doing so. Elinipsico and his father Hokolesqua were the son and father killed in 1777. Elinipsico's son Kumskaka was nearly 7 years old at that time, Kumskaka was the one given the name Thomas Christian by the Thomas Mastin who raised him.
Now is it clear? I do not mean to riddle anyone.
:) Red Wolf
--- On Tue, 5/12/09, [private]@aol.com
45. Lamont, Caryl. "Personal profile." Caryl Famly Gedfile 2016. Ancestry (Public Member Trees). Accessed August 21, 2025. [15] (https://www.ancestry.com/profile/00e85df3-0001-0000-0000-000000000000) .
"My mother was raised with many of the Cherokee and Shawnee ways. Her great great grandmother Tazewell Bailey was Cherokee from the Chickamagua. My mother's great grandfather Mose Christian, Tazewell's grandson, was mixed of European and Native American. Mose Christian's grandfather Mastin Christian, according to Mose and his brother's daughter-in-law Louisa Grubb, was half Shawnee and 1/4 Cherokee. Mose's other grandfather Michael Cline was also said to have been part Shawnee."
46. ↑ Mills, Elizabeth Shown. Montgomery & Fincastle Counties, Virginia: Preliminary Survey. Revised edition. Privately published research report, 10 September 2020.
Thomas Mastin in 1773 purchased 78 acres patented to James Skaggs on 10 January 1754 "on both sides of Meadow Creek a branch of new River."
Richard Whitt in 1779 purchased 68 acres from James Scaggs "on Meadow Creek a branch of New River." [16] (https://www.historicpathways.com/download/MillsMontgomeryFincastleVAPreliminary.pdf)
47. Pearlma[n], Agnes Branch. Quoted in Linda Purvis, "Re: Thomas Ewing Christian /Tenn. 1799."Reply to "Thomas Ewing Christian /Tenn. 1799," October 24, 1998. Genealogy.com forum. December 31, 2000, 10:19:53. Archived November 25, 2015.
[17] (https://web.archive.org/web/20151125052707/https://www.genealogy.com/forum/surnames/topics/christian/1207/)
"I have written numerous letters within the last year showing that Nathaniel Christian's son Thomas was not the one who settled in Tazewell Co., VA. Where on earth is all this erroneous and dubious information coming from?"
48. ESTATES: MOSES SKAGGS HEIRS, ESTATE CASE # 3871, GREEN CO., KY, 1836
Part 5
This will validates the relationship of TBC, his wife and connects her to her mother Lydia Skaggs and the Skaggs family. Excerpt: "Robert & Moses Beavers & **Thomas Christian** having married daughters of said Mathias & Liddy Harman"
[18] (https://web.archive.org/web/20251212091752/http://files.usgwarchives.net/ky/green/estates/skaggs5.txt)
49. Record of the Taxable Property and Polls in Sumner County for the year 1819 (https://freepages.rootsweb.com/~providence/genealogy/tax1819m.htm) Agnes Mastin 287 acres "on which she lives"
Extract:
Morris Miller — Sulphur Fork, Drakes Creek
Kasper Mansker — Mansker's Creek
Samuel Moore — Madison's Creek
Agnes Mastin — 287 acres, "on which she lives"
Robert Moore — 105 acres, "on which he lives"
James Mills — 150 acres, "on which he lives"

In the Sumner County tax list, Agnes Mastin appears in immediate sequence with Kasper Mansker and other residents identified along Mansker's Creek, Drakes Creek, and Madison's Creek, situates her household within the core long-hunter settlement area associated with Casper Mansker. -cthrnvl

50. ↑ Christian, Thomas (estate), et al. v. David Christian et al., chancery suit, Tazewell County Circuit Court, Virginia, 1855; bill of complaint and related papers; Chancery Records Index, case no. 1855-026; Library of Virginia, Richmond.
Detail / Notes:
This chancery suit concerns the estate of **Thomas Christian** (d. 1852). The bill of complaint and jury findings state that Thomas Christian duly made and published his last will and testament in 1852, devising his lands to his sons George and Mathias Christian, subject to the widow's lifetime interest, and providing $100 in property to each daughter (Susan, Sarah, and Lilly). The jury further found that the will was never revoked. "The said **Thomas Christian** had been married twice & had children by both wives. His children of the first marriage were John, David, Daniel, Thomas S., Nancy, (the wife of John Reed) Ruth, & Mastin, the two last of whom are now dead; Ruth leaving a daughter, Louisa, wife of William Altizer, & Mastin leaving eleven children, viz: William, Ruth, wife of Jas W. Low, Nancy wife of Noah Birchfield, Addison, Daniel, Hiram, Thomas, Moses, Mastin, Nathan, & Lovace, the six last of whom are infants. The children of the last marriage are six, viz.: your orator§ Louisa, wife of John H. Gates, Susana, wife of James Stephenson, Sarah, & Lilly, the two last being infants."

51. Although the Guion Miller application was denied, it preserves the applicant's sworn genealogical statements, which we use as oral-tradition testimony to support our family history. For the Eastern Cherokee (Guion Miller) applications, 1906–1909, the applicant's statement was made under oath and was accompanied by notarized witness affidavits.
Charles, Sallie. Eastern Cherokee application no. 10,464, p. 1. National Archives and Records Administration, Microfilm Publication M1104, 1981 (NARA catalog ID 2110769). In "U.S., Eastern Cherokee Applications, 1906–1909." Fold3. [19] (https://www.fold3.com/file/222951401/charles-sallie-page-1-us-eastern-cherokee-applications-1906-1909) . Accessed August 19, 2025.
"My Grandfather Moses Christian was 1/2 Indian and lived with the Indians of the Eastern Cherokees in Virginia and usually he went with them to the Western Country of the U.S. I never before last year had an opportunity to enroll. I do not know why my ancestors did not enroll.
Yours very truly,
Sallie x Christian [her mark]"
Charles, G. W. Application no. 23083, page 5. In U.S., Eastern Cherokee Applications, 1906–1909. Microfilm publication M1104. Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Administration, 1981. Digital image. Fold3. Accessed August 19, 2025. [20] (https://www.fold3.com/file/222849268/charles-g-w-page-5-us-eastern-cherokee-applications-1906-1909) .
"My great-grandfather Moses Christian who was a full Indian of Eastern Cherokee."
Charles, J. M. Application no. 23082, page 1, U.S., Eastern Cherokee Applications, 1906–1909, microfilm publication M1104 (Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Administration, 1981), digital image, Fold3 by Ancestry, accessed August 19, 2025, [21] (https://www.fold3.com/file/222849200/charles-j-m-page-1-us-eastern-cherokee-applications-1906-1909)
"My great-grandfather, Mose Christian, whose father was a full Indian of Eastern Cherokees."

52. ↑ [52.0] [52.1] [52.2] [52.3] [52.4] [52.5] "TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA, CHRISTIAN FAMILY SETTLEMENT," Christian Family Chronicles IV, July 1980, Agnes Branch Pearlman, supplemented by data from Juanita S. Halstead and Walter M. Elswick. The United States census enumerations of 1820, 1830, 1840, and 1850 show **Thomas Christian** as the head of a household in Tazewell County. Location of his residence on Indian Creek is substantiated by probate as well as land records. A list of his land holdings on Indian Creek—13 and 15 miles northwest of the courthouse—include four parcels: 395 acres, 150 acres, 225 acres, and 50 acres.

53. ↑ "TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA, CHRISTIAN FAMILY SETTLEMENT," Christian Family Chronicles IV, July 1980, Agnes Branch Pearlman, supplemented by data from Juanita S. Halstead and Walter M. Elswick.
"Loss of the will **Thomas Christian** wrote before his death in December 1854 resulted in the filing of a Bill of Complaint which provides many more genealogical details than would probably have been revealed in the will itself."

54. ↑ David Agricola and Diane Payne, transcribers, "Record of the Taxes in Sumner County for the Year 1792," quoted in "Thomas Bailey CHRISTIAN," Appalachian Aristocracy (database page), lines showing: "**Thomas Christian**, 1 poll, tax 1 pound. Next household is Thomas Mastin,"

55. ↑ Thomas Christian vs. Wray--O. S. 54; N. S. 18--Bill, 23d July, 1803.
Joseph Wray obtained a certificate by settlement right in Washington
County (afterwards Russell), now Tazewell County. Joseph died intestate,
leaving his son John Wray heir-at-law, who sold to orator.

56. Alther, Lisa. Blood Feud The Hatfields and the McCoys: The Epic Story of Murder and Vengeance. Guilford, CT: Lyons Press, 2013.
Devil Anse's close friend Mose Christian claimed Shawnee ancestry.
(**Thomas Bailey Christian**'s grandson. -cthrnvl)

57. Harrison County, Missouri Genealogy Trails. "Biographies—H," s.v. "WILLIAM HARRISON FAMILY." Genealogy Trails History Group. Harrison County Bicentennial History, 1976, transcribed by: Melody Beery.[22] (https://genealogytrails.com/mo/harrison/biographies_h.html)
"William Harrison, Tazewell, Va. (1802-1871), buried at Mt. Pleasant No. I, Brimson. Mo., was married to Shone Whitt, a one-half Cherokee. 9.11-1827." (Granddaughter of Hezekiah "The Patriot" Whitt and wife Rachel, grand-niece of **Thomas Bailey Christian**)

58. "Re: Christian DNA," post by Kennith_Simpson on 22 Sep 2012, Ancestry.com Message Boards [23] (https://www.ancestry.com/boards/surnames.christian/2125.1.1.1?page=1)
"My family also passed down the story that we were part Native American but were unable to say who the ancestor's were that were Native American! " - Kennith Simpson

59. documentation (https://share.evernote.com/note/9789fc53-4326-601e-8375-7c6d0a4802d8)
Shawnee historian Don Greene has never written about **Thomas Bailey Christian**, Standing Deer Bailey, or the individuals sometimes referred to as the "Cornstalk Orphans." The allegation that he "invented" these figures stems from polemical online commentary and reflects an agenda-driven effort to discredit his work, rather than an evidence-Auvil, Catherine dee. "Standing Deer Bailey, **Thomas Bailey Christian**, Cornstalk Orphans." Evernote note. Written May 2025. Accessed May 11, 2025.
based historical conclusion.

60. Named in the will of his brother Hezekiah N. Whitt (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sNBm2rSQApj55iPFXxKDULVWe5_2tibF1gQshOjgg-8/edit?usp=sharing) Excerpt: Last be known it, I leave to my wife, Hannah Whitt, 1/2 of two lots lying at Indian Creek, in Tazewell County, on the south side of the River, and now in occupation of Moses Christian; also all my estate at Sinking Waters, while she remains my widow, and she is to pay all my just debts and funeral charges. "I leave to my brother, Thomas B. Christian, my gold ring and my morters, and to him £100, he paying to the Patron or Lord of the Manor 5 bushels of wheat". I leave

to my brother, **Thomas B. Christian**, after my wife's death or marriage, all the rest of the farm, and he is to pay to my sister, Sarah Adkins, £50, and to all my nephews and nieces, £5, and to the Patron or Lord of the Manor 5 bushels of wheat.

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